

In the Claims:

The following is a list of claims currently pending in this application and their current status. This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings in this application.

1. (Currently amended) A process for allowing a viewer at a TV display to bypass undesired segments of a TV program, including comprising the steps of:
 - a. storing one or more TV programs containing a first class of metadata including a start location and a stop location of potentially undesired segments;
 - b. retrieving one of the TV programs for display;
 - c. defining, with a second class of metadata, unwanted segments specific to the user of said TV display,
 - d. matching the first class of metadata with the second class of metadata;
and
 - e. removing, responsive to matching the first class of metadata with the second class of metadata, undesired segments from the TV program; and
f. reimbursing program suppliers for a financial loss occasioned by removed material.
2. (Currently amended) The process as set forth in claim 1, further including comprising the step of time shifting two or more programs~~[[i]]~~ to fill time space resulting from removing the undesired segments from the TV program.
- 3-4. (Cancelled)
5. (Currently amended) An apparatus for removing unwanted TV material comprising:
 - a shared personal video recorder (PVR) network server at a distribution system head end, said PVR network server for storing multiple TV programs with one or more TV programs containing TV metadata;
 - a specific program delivered to a specific TV display, with the specific program having stored metadata defining unwanted program segments; **and**

a processor ~~for comparing and logic coupled to the shared personal video recorder network server adapted to compare~~ the TV metadata with the stored metadata ~~by removing and to remove~~ undesired program segments ~~from the specific program including the unwanted TV material ; and~~

~~further logic adapted to cause reimbursement of a program supplier for financial loss from removal of the undesired program segments from the specific program.~~

6. (Currently amended) The apparatus as set forth in claim 5, ~~wherein the logic to remove undesired program sements is further adapted to further comprising means~~ time shift~~[[ing]]~~ two or more programs~~[[r]]~~ to fill time space resulting from removing undesired segments from the TV program.

7. (Currently amended) The apparatus as set forth in claim 5 further including ~~logic adapted to record and report viewer decisions to automatically remove undesired program segments bookkeeping means, for charging a viewer for costs, including reimbursing a program supplier for a financial loss from removing the undesired program segments.~~

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently amended) An apparatus for removing unwanted TV material comprising:

personal video recorder (PVR) server ~~means, located at a distribution system head end, for storing that stores~~ multiple TV programs with one or more such programs containing TV metadata;

a specific program delivered to a specific TV display, with the specific program having stored metadata defining unwanted program segments; and

a processor ~~for comparing and logic coupled to the shared personal video recorder network server adapted to compare~~ the TV metadata with the stored metadata ~~by removing and to remove~~ undesired program segments ~~from the specific program including the unwanted TV material ; and~~

~~further logic adapted to cause reimbursement of a program supplier for financial loss from removal of the undesired program segments from the specific~~

program.

10. (Currently amended) The apparatus as set forth in claim 9, wherein the logic to remove undesired program sements is further adapted to further comprising means time shift~~[[ing]]~~ two or more programs~~[[r]]~~ to fill time space resulting from removing undesired segments from the TV program.

11. (Currently amended) The apparatus as set forth in claim 9 further including logic adapted to record and report viewer decisions to automatically remove undesired program segments ~~bookkeeping means, for charging a viewer for costs, including reimbursing a program supplier for a financial loss from removing the undesired program segments.~~

12. (Cancelled)